GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Scholarships for Single Girl Child
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any scholarship scheme for single girl child in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main features as well as objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government has proposed/proposes to also include more number of girl children other than single girl child in a family under the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing two schemes for Single Girl Child in the country viz. (i) Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child fellowship for Research in Social Sciences (for pursuing M.Phil./Ph.D.) and (ii) Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Fellowship for Single Girl Child (for pursuing Post-Graduation).
The scheme-wise salient features and main objectives of these schemes are as follows:
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S.No. Name of scheme Features Objectives
1. Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child fellowship for Research in Social Sciences Only girl child in the family admitted in regular, full time Ph.D. programme in Social Sciences in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions is provided fellowship for five years @ Rs.25,000/- per month for initial two years and Rs.28,000/- per month for remaining tenure. In addition, the candidate is entitled to contingency allowance. (i) to support higher education of single girl child in Social Sciences.
(ii) to recognize the value of observance of small family norm.
(iii) to recognize the norm of single girl child in society.
(iv) to propagate the concept of single girl child norm.
(v) to promote single girls in the society.
2. Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child
Only girl child in the family admitted in various Post-Graduate courses in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions is provided scholarship for a period of two years (10 months in a year) @ Rs.3,100/- per month. to provide financial assistance to selected candidates being Single Girl Child for pursuing Post-graduation on full time/regular basis in Universities/ Institutions/Colleges in India.
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(c) & (d): The UGC has intimated that there is no such proposal to include more number of girl children other than single girl child in a family at present. Moreover, all other schemes being implemented by UGC include female beneficiary students.
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